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Proposed Model Veterinary Certificate for Importation  
Caprine Semen from the United States to Israel

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, a U.S. Department of Agriculture accredited veterinarian, hereby certify:

A. that the state/country of origin has been free for at least 6 months from foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia prior to the dates of collection and of exportation of the semen described below.

B. that the frozen caprine semen specified below was derived from an Artificial Insemination (AI) Center;

1. which is under constant veterinary supervision of an official or accredited veterinarian.

2. which is an independent institution; it is not annexed nor a part of any premises holding any other animal species.

3. which is situated in an area where in radius of 50 km no case of Bluetongue (BT) was diagnosed within 5 months prior to the collection of the semen destined for export to Israel.

4. in which all animals have been tested and found negative for Brucellosis and Tuberculosis within the past 12 months.

5. where no case of Scrapie has ever occurred.

6. which has been free from Contagious Agalactia, Q Fever, and Johne's Disease for at least the last 3 years.

C. All the bucks in the A.I.C. originate from farms;

1. where no case of Scrapie has occurred for at least 10 years prior to their introduction to the A.I.C. until the present day, and the donor buck and his ancestors to a second generation have had no contact with a flock of sheep or goats where scrapie was diagnosed or suspected.

2. where no cases of Q fever and Johne's disease have been diagnosed for at least the last year prior to their introduction to the A.I.C.

D. All the bucks in the A.I.C. used for collection of semen destined for importation into Israel;

1. were negative to the following tests:

a. Agglutination and Complement Fixation tests for Brucellosis (*B. melitensis* and *B. abortus*) within 6 months after collection of the semen.

b. agar-gel immunodiffusion tests for Caprine arthritis encephalitis and Bluetongue within 6 months after collection of the semen.

c. tuberculin test at least 30 days and not more than 1 year after collection.

2. Are known to be free of congenital abnormalities on the basis of lack of reports from farms on abnormalities in the buck's offspring.

E. The semen specified below:

1. was sampled, cultured, and found

a. negative to *Mycoplasma* Spp.

b. virologically negative to bluetongue

c. total bacterial counts less than  $5 \times 10^3$ /ml.

2. was sampled, tested, and found negative in the monoclonal immunofluorescent antibody test to *Chlamydia*.

F. The frozen caprine semen described below has been safely kept, treated, packed, and identified.

G. Description of the bucks from which the semen was collected:

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